

## Parents' education on Media Literacy

Everybody knows that today's young people, the so-called Z Generation, are digital natives. For them, the relationship with tablets, smartphones and other devices is a natural thing but unfortunately, they are not always able to recognize the dangers, often very serious, travelling on the wings of the web.

It would be a priority for parents to keep an eye on their safety, but that presupposes first that they know what their children do when they are online... and then how to intervene in their defense when they fall victim to cyberbullying, hate speech online, fake news and other cybercrimes. This is the reason why media literacy can't be considered simply as a right but almost as an obligation of every adult citizen, in order to be able to discern reality from fake news and to exercise his/her role as a responsible parent.

MeLi Parents is ready to support this process!

During the second wave of Covid pandemic, the project Partners didn't stop working but profited to set up a training programme designed to strengthen the skills of parents, whose provision will start next Spring. The courses will be articulated on three levels, according to the initial media literacy and the children's age. MeLi Parents is also going to assist families with a WebApp that will periodically push on their devices news, cues for reflection and support exercises, to be done alone or with their children.

Stay tuned with us, our initiatives are on the way!

## Focus on "Digital Citizenship and Media Literacy"

On November 21st the European Parents' Association held an important webinar following its topic of the year: "Parenting in the Digital Age".

In the first part of the event Janice Richardson, renowned expert active for the Council of Europe, gave a presentation on "Digital Citizenship Education – from a parent's perspective", where she showed the findings of a research undertaken during the first lockdown and introduced some interesting material for parents developed by the CoE expert group.

The second part of the event was dedicated to the presentation of the Media Literacy for Parents project. Boštjan Bobič, on behalf of EPA, introduced the consortium, the aims and the main findings from a survey that had been conducted. Joanna Zyła, from the coordinator Map of Passions Foundation, presented the first two outputs consisting of the training program and the WebApp, while Arja Krauchenberg (EPA) talked about the third output, that's to say a guide for parents that will get ready in the next phase of the project. To finish, Valerio Cipolli (Dlearn) showed the different ways adopted to ensure a good communication.

